Improvement of Eluru Railways Station

834. SHRIYERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting was taken by the Divisional Superintendent of Railways, Vijayawada to solve the long pending demands for improvement of Eluru Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details of subjects taken up;

(c) whether the Divisional Superintendent, Vijayawada Division conducted any on-the-spot enquiry at Eluru in 1996-97; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken to provide basic essential services/facilities at the station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir..

(b) Suggestions for provision of foot-over-bridge & opening of new booking office on east side and provision of covered shed for rickshaws were received but these could not be accepted as there was no justification for these items at present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Based on the inspection, additional facilities like credit card facility, STD telephone booth and telephone enquiry were provided.

Action taken on Poor Management of drainage system in Agra

835. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a great loss of life and property worth crores of rupees due to the overflow of water from the drains in the residential and commercial areas in Agra as the officers working for Ganga Action Plan did not allow opening of the gates of the drains at the time of heavy rains.

(b) if so, the action taken by Government against the officials responsible for this havoc; and

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the affected persons as a result of this loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b)The overflow of water from the drains in Agra leading to flooding of residential & Commercial areas had nothing to do with the pollution abatement programme for river Yamuna under the Ganga Action Plan — Phase II. The gates on the drains discharging into the river Yamuna were already open at the time of heavy rains. However, such overflow from the drains occurred as these were choked with silt and garbage.

(c) An amount of Rs. 17,23,038/- has been paid as compensation to the affected persons by the State Government.

Provident Fund statements in Kendriya Vidyalayas

836. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan provides annual statement of provident funds to its Vidyalaya employees soon after the financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons for not doing so in respect of 1994-95 and 1995-96, as yet; and

(c) by when these statement will be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION N THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan provides Provident Fund Annual Statements to its employees after finalisation of Provident Fund Annual Accounts for the year.

(b) and (c) Statement for the year 1994-95 have already been issued in the months of August/September, 1996. All steps have been taken to finalise the accounts for the year 1995-96 by March, 1997.